## BASE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542

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From: Base Maintenance Officer

Assistant Chief of Staff, Supply Services

Subi: Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer

(a) FoneCon btwn Mrs. Sumrall, Supply Services, and Mr. Eakes, Ref: Base Maint Dept, on 7 Nov 77

(b) FoneCon btwn Ms. Braughn, Beckman Instruments, Inc.,

and Mr. Eakes, Base Maint Dept, on 9 Nov 77

- It has been determined that the Beckman Model 440 atomic absorption spectrophotometer, discussed during reference (a), which is available through the Defense Industrial Plant Equipment Center, is not suitable for the Environmental Protection Agency's required testing.
- During reference (b) it was learned that the instrument lacked features necessary to conduct all of the tests required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 92-523). Further, the company has not manufactured the Model 440 since 1971 and many parts and accessories are no longer available.
- It is requested that procurement action for a suitable atomic absorption spectrophotometer be continued.

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